

Sheriff  
Chad Hawkins  
Gaston County



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Civil Process Section

NORTH CAROLINA

Affidavit of Service

GASTON COUNTY

Affidavit of Non-Service

J.B. Canipe 6171, being first duly sworn deposes and says that he/she is a citizen and resident of the United States of America; he/she is and was an authorized process server in Gaston County, North Carolina; he/she was over the age of twenty-one years; he/she is and was not a party nor interested in this action.

### SUMMONS/COMPLAINT

This affiant received the said \_\_\_\_\_  
on the 24TH day of February 2025 to be served on MARK MERRITT

and returned as follows:

personally served the same on MARK Merritt on the 25 day of  
Feb, 2025

served the same on \_\_\_\_\_ by leaving copies with  
\_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

unable to serve for the following reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
25 day of Feb, 2025

Chad Hawkins  
Gaston County Sheriff

By:

B. Blaize 6171  
Deputy Sheriff

Yonnie Lawry  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: JUNE 4, 2028

AO 440 (Rev. 06/12) Summons in a Civil Action

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

District of South Carolina



Jay Connor

*Plaintiff(s)*

v.

American Legacy Partners, Inc., Jeremy Wilson  
Individually, Mark Merritt Individually and John Does  
1-10

*Defendant(s)*

Civil Action No. 2:25-cv-00553-JD-MGB

SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: *(Defendant's name and address)* Mark Merritt  
302 Carmel Hills Drive  
Gastonla, NC 28056

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A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are:

Jay Connor  
215 East Bay Street 201-F  
Charleston, SC 29401  
jayc650@hush.com

If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

CLERK OF COURT

Date: 2/19/2025



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. H. S." followed by a stylized surname.

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

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